Nationalisation of Industries

4531. SHRI V. S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have any proposal to nationalise any industry during the Eighth Five Year Plan Period; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P. J. KURIEN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Consumer Protection Act

4532. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the perception of the Government about the working of various authorities under Consumer Protection Act;

(b) the steps proposed to safeguard the interests of the Consumers more effectively;

(c) whether any programme is proposes to be initiated to educated the traders of their duties and liabilities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) As per the information available, all the States/UTs have constituted Consumer Protection Council, 28 State Commissions and 360 District Forums have started functioning under Consumer Protection Act throughout the country. This machinery is providing effective redressal to consumer grievances.

(b) Government has enforced the Consumer Protection Act., 1986 which came into effect from 1.7.1987. Since then, a number of steps have been taken to educate the people about this Act. Such steps include organising seminars, workshops exhilations,, training programmes and printing of literature which are distributed free of cost. Doordarshan is telecasting fortnightly programme 'Sanrakshan Upbhokta Ka' where useful information on Consumer Protection Act is being disseminated. From time to time, Doordarshan/AIR mount special programmes on the subject. In addition, certain audio-visual materials have also been prepared which have been distributed to the States;

(c) and (d). The Associations of traders and manufacturers are represented on the Consumer Protection Councils at the Central and State levels. Though separate programmes are not conducted for traders, they are associated whenever consumer protection activities are organised.

Development of Technologies by B C T in Rural Areas

4533. SHRI NAVAL KISORE RAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bhagavatula Charitable Trust (BCT) Vishakapatnam has developed and transferred technology for Adda stitching, tape weaving, carpentery, welding, poultry, dairying and pisciculture in the rural sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating its impact on income generation of the rural poor;

(c) whether the Government propose to promote similar ventures in other States also; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) and (b). Financial assistance to voluntary organisations is provided through the Council for Advancement of People's Action & Rural

Technology (CAPART) which is an autonomous body under the aegis of this Ministry. No project has been sanctioned by the Council to the Bhagavatula Charitable Trust on any of the activities listed.

(c) and (d). CAPART have sanctioned 4 projects to the Bhagavatula Charitable Trust in the areas of (i) Strengthening the infrastructure, (ii) Drinking Water Supply, (iii) Integrated Prawn & Salt Production and (iv) Design development and propagation of buffalo-cart.

Production of Coal

4534. SHRI K. P. REDDAIAH YADAV:
SHRI SUKHENDU KHAN:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of coking coal produced during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the gap between the production and the requirement;

(c) the amount of foreign exchange incurred on import of the coking coal, year-wise; and

(d) steps the Government propose to take to achieve self-sufficiency in coking coal production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b). The information in respect of integrated steel plants is given below:–

(million tonnes)

Year	Washed Coking Coal		
	Estimated requirement	Production	Difference
1988-89	16.10	11.79	4.31
1989-90	15.31	11.12	4.19
1990-91	16.08	11.19	4.89

(c) The information is given below:–

Year	Approximate Value (On the basis of FOB Price) (Million US $)
1988-89	227
1989-90	243
1990-91	310

Some of the steps being taken to augment indigenous availability of coking coal, inter-alia, include:–

(i) increase in raw coking coal availability by reorganising existing mines and Development of new mines;

(ii) restoration of coking coal sources which were delinked in 1984-85 from washeries on account of quality consideration;